

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

Commissioner of Patents
Box PCT
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicant, Gregory P VanVooren, respectfully petitions to apply for a patent on the basis of the above-captioned application on behalf of himself and of the non-signing inventor, William F. Swisher. The required petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is enclosed.

The last known address of the non-signing inventor is 1930 E. County Road 1670, Carthage, IL 62321.

The facts relating to the non-signing inventor's refusal to sign are set forth in the accompanying Declarations of myself, Charles R. Wolfe, Jr., and Lawrence Rupert.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Petition or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney.

Please charge any shortage of fees or credit any overpayment thereof to BLANK ROME, LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (115584-00298). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this report, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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